

Substitute Senate Bill No. 389 Public Act No. 22-132

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFIC MITIGATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, shall develop a training curriculum for police officers concerning traffic incident management. Such curriculum shall be aligned with training developed by the Federal Highway Administration and shall provide for a systematic, planned and coordinated approach to detect, respond and clear traffic incidents in order to restore traffic capacity in a safe and efficient manner.

(b) On and after October 1, 2023, each police basic or review training program conducted or administered by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or a municipal police department shall include the training curriculum developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The Division of State Police and each municipal police department shall maintain records indicating when a police officer employed by the Division of State Police or the municipal police department completed such training curriculum.

Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) The Commissioner of Transportation

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shall develop a plan to expand the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to inspect existing transportation facilities. Not later than October 1, 2022, the commissioner shall submit such plan and recommend a level of funding needed to implement such plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

Sec. 3. (Effective from passage) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall develop a plan to expand the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to investigate motor vehicle accidents and other traffic incidents. Not later than October 1, 2022, the commissioner shall submit such plan and recommend a level of funding needed to implement such plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, public safety and security and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

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